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WILMINGTON YOUNGSTERS SWEEP ICE IN TWO MEETS AS POSSIBILITY OF NO SILVER SKATES MEET LOOMS

Wilmington youngsters, members of the famed Wilmington Skating Club have returned home after sweeping the ice in Connecticut and New York, to learn that there is a possibility that there will be no participation by the Wilmington Skating Club in the annual Silver Skates Derby of Boston.

President James Tighe of Chestnut Street, head of the Northeastern Skating Association has admitted that difficulties exist between the association and the Boston Daily Record, which paper is the originator and backer of the annual meet for amateurs, in Boston.

Without permission of the Northeastern Skating Association no member of any of the recognized skating clubs can participate in the Silver Skates and preserve his amateur status.

Tighe has not elaborated on the type of difficulty that exists between his organization and the Boston Daily Record.

Meanwhile Wilmington youngsters, members of the Wilmington Skating Club, have returned home with fresh laurels, won in the New York State Championship meet in Glens Falls, New York, and in the Connecticut Open Speed Skating Championship at Hartford, Connecticut over the weekend.

'Bucky' Backman, famed coach and originator of the Wilmington Skating Club accompanied the group that went to Connecticut on Jan 6th.

Mrs Janet Tighe, Senior Women's Skating Champion of North America, and daughter of Mr Backman, won the Connecticut Women's Championship easily, and Phyllis DeCosta of Ballardvale St won the Pee-Wee Girls Championships, in both 110 and 220 yard events. Leo O'Connell 111, plucky seven year old skater won the Pee Wee Boys Championship, and his brother Danny took second prize.

Eileen Tupper of No Wilmington captured the trophy for juvenile Girls. Coming in third in the Midget Girls race was Patty Fiske of Church St, while Lenny Galvin of Chestnut

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WHAT BEAUTIFUL UNIFORMS ...

SIX OF WILMINGTON'S ELEVEN HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS POSE FOR THE CAMERA BETWEEN HALVES OF THE BASKETBALL GAME AT THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, DURING THE GAME WITH BURLINGTON. LEFT TO RIGHT MARILYN BOYLE, JUDY LEWIS, RUTH HOWELL, LORRAINE BRENNICK, JUDY GRATCYK, AND MARGIE BEDDOES. BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY SIX UNIFORMS AVAILABLE THE CHEERLEADERS ALTERNATE AT GAMES BUT THERE IS TO BE CHEERLEADERS AT EVERY GAME, BOTH AT HOME AND AWAY.

TEWKSBURY MAN TO HEAD NEWLY FORMED KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL

Herbert Fairbrother of Tewksbury, a retired State employee and a parishioner of St. Williams for the past forty years will be installed as Grand Knight of the newly formed Father Coppin Council of the Knights of Columbus, in ceremonies at Villanova Hall Sunday afternoon.

The new council, formed in the three parishes of St. Thomas, St. Dorothy's, and St. Williams is named for Father Curate of St. Peters, Cambridge who was killed in Korea while serving as an Army Chaplain.

Other officers of the Council will be Ray Joyle, Deputy Grand Knight; Patrick Izzo, Chancellor; Joseph Lombardi, Warden; William McKenzie, Financial Secretary; Leo Barry, Treasurer; Anthony Shiel, Rec-

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READING LIGHT MORE THAN DOUBLES BASIC CAPACITY

With the Wildwood St. sub-station addition and the new underground cable from Reading to the sub-station now in operation, the Reading Municipal Light Department has more than doubled its previous capacity to provide power for Wilmington. The underground cable also provides an alternative route for the principal supply in cases of emergency.

Plans are already well under way for extending power into outlying districts this year. A brand new set of conductors has already been completed from the Wildwood St. sub-station to Middlesex Ave. and thence along Route 62 to Ballardvale St. Work on new sets of conductors on Burlington Ave and Shawsheen Ave have

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BUCKY BACKMAN TO COACH PEE-WEE HOCKEY TEAM

A hockey team for Pee-Wees, aged 8 to 15, is to be coached by Bucky Backman, founder of the Wilmington Skating Club, and former star Hockey player. Mr Backman will have practice sessions, open to all, at the rink of the Wilmington Skating Club, on Saturday mornings, starting at 9:30 am.

been started.

Transmission of power depends principally upon three components, explained a spokesman for the Reading Light Dept. The first two components have mainly to do with production--the transmission line and the transformer station. The third has to do with distribution--the distribution feeder.

The underground cable is a new transmission line, which, working in conjunction with the original transmission line

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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The Youth Advisory Committee, organized in the town 2 years ago for the purpose of dealing with specific cases of juvenile delinquency, met last Friday afternoon in the Roman House, in order to formulate a topic of discussion for the PTA meeting on Jan 15. Nearly every major group that deals with youth in the town was represented -- the schools, churches, Athletic Dept, police, etc -- and for the first time since the organization of the committee, four students from Wilmington High were present.

The reason for the inclusion of the four students arose from a feeling among many of the members that there was a need for hearing directly from young people just what their problems are. Furthermore, it was decided that the topic for the coming PTA meeting should be based upon questions answered by the whole High School student body by means of mimeographed sheets, to be distributed by the Student Council to the homerooms.

The major portion of the meeting was devoted to an informal discussion of teenage problems -- a discussion which Chairman Dick Harding was very much in favor of. He felt that a committee of this kind, made up of members with varying points of view, can think out loud, so to speak, and by so doing, swap ideas that will be useful to each member.

To mention all the ideas that were 'swapped' during the meeting would consume most of the space in this newspaper, so only a scattering of them will be included.

Judge Henchey of Woburn opened the meeting with a summary of state laws concerning juvenile delinquency. He stressed the fact that juveniles can not be prosecuted according to ordinary legal statutes, but are apprehended and punished under their own laws. He went on to say that the biggest preventative for juvenile delinquency was civil action (churches, schools, little league, etc), and that from his experience, Wilmington has been doing a fine job along these lines.

In answer to high school students

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THE BUDGET

Where is the budget? That's a question we
hear asked on all sides.

The date "twentieth of December" mentioned in
Section 17 of the Charter notwithstanding, we
are not likely to see it before the middle of
January anyway.

Some of the Town Fathers explain it this way.
The Town Manager submits to the Finance Com-
mittee and the Selectmen in December a budget
which is subject to revision. This budget is
based on requests which the various depart-
ments have been working on since about October
and trimmed at a late date to fit in with the
inflexible request from the School Committee.
After the Town Accountant has closed his books
as of January 1, the Town Manager's budget is
further reviewed by him and the Finance Com-
mittee and the Selectmen. It therefore is not
until about the middle of January that a bud-
get which bears some resemblance to the final
budget can be arrived at.

The same Town Fathers say that no startling
budget increases have been asked for this year.
It is taken for granted that everyone always
asks for some more money every year. The time
of year at which the separate departments have
to get their requests in to the Town Manager
make these requests seem a little like letters
to Santa Claus.

The Town Manager, Finance Committee, and Sel-
ectmen, however, are not in a position to play
Santa Claus. It is their function to act more
like that other Christmas character, Scrooge,
in order to keep us from Santa-Clausening our-
selves to death at the annual town meeting,
and yet provide for necessary town services.

With the School Committee asking for a \$77
thousand plus increase, not even including

school maintenance, it will be interesting to
see what trimming the Finance Committee has to
do to make our outgo fit our income.

At least the Finance Committee unquestionably
has some power to put the brakes on spending
other than for schools. For any contests be-
tween the Finance Committee and the School Com-
mittee, the public needs to know as early as
possible what trimming has to be done to other
departments in order to have fine schools. This
information has direct bearing on election of
town officials and on preparing articles for
submission for the warrant. We can look forward
to release of the budget figures at the earli-
est possible time.

THE LYNNFIELD RATE STUDY

Today, in the State House, the Department of
Public Utilities is supposed to take up again
the postponed hearing of the new light rate, by
the Reading Municipal Electric Light.

To date the only thing that the people of Wil-
mington have heard comes either from the comp-
any, or from this paper. The Selectmen and the
Town Manager haven't had much to say, perhaps
because they have had nothing conclusive on
which to base their statements. The Manager of
the Reading Light Company made an appearance at
the Baldwin Club, at which he presented a good
argument. But there hasn't been much for the
people, as a whole, to digest.

In Lynnfield an Electric Light Rate Study Com-
mittee, appointed last May has had quite a bit
to say. Their report, dated Dec 17th, was pub-
lished in the Wakefield Daily Item, and gener-
ally speaking it was an adverse report. We
suspect that that report will play a conspic-
uous part in the hearings today.

It will be remembered that the manager of the
light company issued an appeal through this pa-
per just before Christmas asking that the con-
sumption of electricity be held to a minimum
during the holidays, so as not to increase the
"peak load". The Reading Chronicle reported
that as a result of the appeal there was a not-
icable reduction.

The Lynnfield committee viewed this rather
dimly, if we have read their report correctly.
They called the appeal the result of "poor or
insufficient planning". We don't exactly agree.
The manager of the light company had carefully
explained that the cost of power to the company
was governed by the amount of the peak load,
and that a reduction in costs to the light com-
pany would be reflected eventually in the light
rates, to the benefit of the ultimate consumer.

But the Lynnfield report, correct or not,
makes good reading. The Committee points out
that "most utilities encourage large consump-
tion on the part of the homeowners by a low
rate in the last block. In Lynnfield Center
(and in the rest of the area served by the com-
pany, including Wilmington, -Ed) we have just
the opposite under the new rate, where the
small user (under 260 kwh per month) realizes a
savings while the large user is penalized".

Taken as a whole the Lynnfield report is very
critical of the light company. It points out
that it found out only "accidentally" that there
was to be a rate increase, and that Reading
"stubbornly" insists that it is a rate decrease.
It reports that the committee had very little
cooperation from Reading and that the Town
Counsel answered many questions thusly: "We con-
sider this irrelevant and immaterial to the
question at hand". It reports that members of

TOWN NOTES

Caught

It wasn't only Uncle Sam's
Weather Bureau which failed to
predict the snow storm of last
Sunday.

Weather Incorporated, which
is paid something like 100
(or maybe 300) cartwheels a
year because it is supposed to
exactly 'call the shots' on
Wilmington's weather predicted
Sunday noontime that 'one inch
of snowfall' was all that was
to be expected.

And at Monday noon they in-
sisted that there was 'positi-
vely only one half inch more!'

Our own personal reaction is
that Wilmington is now Lower
Slobbovia.

All This Snow

All this snow means just one
thing - if we get a couple of
days of warm weather the towns
people will find their cellars
and backyards flooded. The
snow fell before there was
really any frost on the ground
and will melt very quickly if
given half a chance.

Nomination Papers

January is the traditional
month for politics to start.
So far only one set of nomina-
tion papers is being circu-
lated in Wilmington - and we
don't even know for whom it is
being done.

Lowell Street

Some of our friends on Lowell
Street were very happy to be
able to report, a week ago,
that the sidewalk was plowed.
They claim it is the first
time in three years.

AVCO

Next month's issue of FORTUNE
we understand, is to carry a
big story about AVCO. The way
we have been told, the story
will be about a big mistake
that AVCO made.

Our informant guesses that
this means that it will be a
story about AVCO buying, and
then selling its Bendix Divi-
sion (washing machines, etc).

WILMINGTON-TEWKSBURY HEBREW COMMUNITY CENTER DEDICATES TORAH SCROLL

Over one hundred fifty mem-
bers and guests from surround-
ing communities gathered at
the Wilmington-Tewksbury Heb-
rew Community Center on Salem
Rd., North Wilmington, last
Sunday, January 6, for dedica-
tion of the Torah scroll by
Mrs Molly Goren. Traditional
ceremonies were conducted in
celebration of the dedication.
The principal speaker was Rab-
bi Kahn from Lowell, who spoke
in Old Hebrew on the signifi-
cance of the ceremony.

Charles Sobelman, president
of the Center, welcomed the
many dignitaries who were
there as guests, and Simon
Cutter also spoke a few words.
Among guests present from Wil-
mington were Selectman and Mrs
Bliss, Selectman and Mrs De-
Felice, Police Chief Lynch,
Dr and Mrs Wood, and Mr and
Mrs William Carver.

Refreshments were served by
members of the Ladies Auxili-
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the committee were questioned at their places of employment regarding complaints that they were auditing Reading's books, and that they had to show that they were acting as individuals and as citizens of the Town of Lynnfield.

The committee practically recommends that Lynnfield purchase its own power from the New England Power System, and that at the same time the Town of Lynnfield purchase that part of the equipment of the Reading company which is in Lynnfield, as provided could be done by act of the Legislature many years ago.

Again they have some harsh words, for they report that Reading thought that Lynnfield should pay for the cost of a survey, to find out the value of the Reading equipment in Lynnfield. This to the committee was surprising and they took pains to point out that the Manager of the Light Company had "an impressive list of figures in his annual report showing the cost of poles, cost of meters, cost of transformers, etc., for a total of \$2,664,624. Therefore we do not feel that the Town of Lynnfield should pay the cost of inventorying Reading's equipment within this town'.

All of which will undoubtedly be brought up in the hearing today, if it is held, and all of which will undoubtedly make very good listening.

WILLIAM HENRY CARTER TWO

or

BILL HEN

or

THE HAT ON THE COFFIN

Recently we wrote of the doings of William Henry Carter One, of Wilmington, and hinted of the existence of William Henry Carter Two.

Perhaps this is just as good a time as any to speak of this man, a long lean sparse Yankee who was the soul of rectitude and honor and who was distinguished from his fellowtownsman by having Two added to his name. His friends all called him "Bill Hen".

A giant of a man, a direct descendant of the Rev. Thomas Carter who was the first Puritan Minister of Woburn, back in 1642, Bill Hen was never known to swear and was perhaps one of the finest men ever to call himself a citizen of Wilmington. His family called him Henry, not to distinguish him from William Henry Carter One, but to distinguish him from his father and his grandfather, both of whom were named William.

Characterized by the typical hornery streak of the Carter family, a vow to Bill Hen was, like a vow to any of the Carter family something to be kept no matter how ridiculous the circumstances. Bill Hen once discovered one of his sisters using his razor for the purpose of cutting her corns. He swore he would never shave again, and he never did. His brother Charles was once kicked by a cow. He swore he would never again drink milk. He never did.

Bill Hen, like many of the descendants of the Rev. Thomas Carter lived in that part of Old Woburn which is today the Wilmington-Burlington town line and environs. He was born in a home which still stands, today the property of Raymond Fitch, which is just across the Town Line in Burlington, on what we call Burlington Ave., and what the people in Burlington call Wilmington Ave. His father purchased, shortly before the Civil War the Eldad Carter farm, on Shawsheen Avenue, where Guy York lives today. Eldad was dead, and the only surviving daughter, Olive had married a Dr. Thompson, who was the first Superintendent of the Tewksbury State Hospital.

The farmhouse at that time was a typical "saltbox" which had been built before the town was founded in 1730. Both Henry and his father added to the house, making rooms on the side, and in back on the second floor, changes which a person who knows his colonial architecture can readily detect. The two chimneys, for instance do not go through the ridge pole, a sure sign that the house is not, as it was when originally built.

Henry, like the rest of the Yankee farmers of that day was a fine teamster. At a very early age he was able to handle his team, and his ability as a teamster was second to none. He and his brother would buy up large tracts of land, log off the timber, and then sell the land again. Sometimes they sold the logs directly to a mill, in which cases they would

do their own teaming. Othertimes they sold the lumber after it had been cut, either as lumber or as cordwood. (In those days a farmer could sell several hundred cords of wood every winter - something that is practically a drug on the market today).



THE ELAD CARTER HOUSE AS IT APPEARED AFTER THE 1938 HURRICANE.

Bill Hen was as we say, an excellent teamster. One of his early jobs was to bring the timbers from Clapps Mill to the Congregational Church, when the steeple was rebuilt after the hurricane of 1873. Clapps Mill stood down in the Garden of Eden, off Chestnut Street.

One of the stories that we heard as a boy, and which impressed us tremendously is that Bill Hen was the only man to ever lose a pair of horses in Silver Lake. We do not know whether the story was true or not. Perhaps it was told to us to keep a little boy from going on surreptitious swimming trips.

In those days the farmers who had occasion to drive down what is now Lake Street used to take a short cut across the lake, in the shallow portion, arriving on terra firma again on Main Street near the present site of the Silver Lake Betterment Hall. The purpose was to allow the water to make the wood in the wheels "swell-up" and thus keep the iron tires tightly in place. Anyway we were told that on one such trip Bill Hen drove a team of horses into a hole and lost them.

Perhaps the story was confused in our young mind with another story about a team of horses being lost while cutting ice for the Boston Ice Company. We don't know.

Bill Hen married twice. The first time was to Lizzie Harnden, a 21 year old schoolteacher in the West School, and a member of one of Wilmington's oldest families. She is described as having been "a lovely fragile thing". She died five years later, after a lingering illness. Broken hearted Bill Hen turned next door to his neighbors for comfort. The next door neighbors were the Daniel Gowings, half a mile away, and next spring their daughter Clara became Mrs. William Henry Carter Two. There were two children, both of whom are now deceased, but a grand daughter and great-grandchildren still live in Wilmington. (Daniel, it may be remembered, was the last lock-keeper for the Middlesex Canal, and he lived in the old lockhouse, and later across the street, near the bridge on Shawsheen Avenue).

Bill Hen was a Road Surveyor for Wilmington for many years, and one of the best. Today we would call the job Superintendent of Highways. It was he who raised the hill in Wilmington square, at the time when the Boston & Maine Railroad lifted the bridge to allow for the height of their new engines. It was also he who widened Woburn Street from Perry's Corner to Salem Street, back in 1914. The County Com-

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RECREATION

Director of Recreation Larry Cushing has announced that plans are being formulated for the third annual Winter Skating Carnival which will be held on February 3, at the Skating Club on Chestnut Street. President Mike Weinberg has informed the Recreation Commission that the members of the Skating Club will donate their facilities and their personnel in an effort to make this annual event as successful as those in the past when over 200 boys and girls took part as contestants.

Other men to volunteer on the committee include Carl Bachman, the daddy of Wilmington Champions, James Tighe, Leo O'Connell, Thomas Galvin, Ed Bradley and George Spanos.

The ladies are also making plans and have not completed the committee as yet. In addition to the regular races special events such as a hockey game between the high school team and the faculty, old timers and mothers events will be featured in the gala program.

All children must remember they need a pair of skates and must be a resident of the town of Wilmington to compete in the events. The only limitations are placed on previous winners. When a boy or girl wins a championship they automatically move up one class or age group. This encourages others to try and eliminates domination by one or two individuals. The elders also must remember that they have to wait for a three year period if they have been declared a winner.

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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (from Front Page)

dent Sarah Jane Marsh's feeling that juvenile delinquency has been grossly exaggerated, Judge Henchey agreed, but went on to say that the problem is always with us (6,000 juvenile delinquents in Mass today) and that we should be constantly guarding against it.

Police Sgt John Imbimbo then asked the four High school representatives to give their own frank opinions as to what they thought of the recreational facilities in Wilmington. 'Are we providing enough? Are we too disciplined? Are we too soft?' Imbimbo asked.

Sarah Jane Marsh stated that the programs were certainly very adequate, but the one major problem which she encountered was the problem of transportation. She spent so much time walking from place to place that very little time was left for recreation.

This touched off a lively debate. The older members of the

committee, led by Father Croke insisted that walking never hurt anyone, and that in their day they never complained about the considerable amount of walking they did.

Mrs Claude Helwig of the PTA countered by saying that children today don't see why they have to walk when their parents don't have to.

The controversy never did become settled.

A possible solution to the problem did come from Chairman Harding, however. He felt that the best way to handle the problem of transportation in a town the size of Wilmington (large in area, but not large enough in population to make it profitable for a bus line) was to make the home the center of recreation for youngsters.

The meeting came to a close with a statement from Supt of Schools John Collins, who said that 'we are searching for serious problems, and are lucky in this respect - they may be there, but we, as adults, are

sometimes not sharp enough to catch them'.

Sgt Imbimbo agreed, and added that the student panel members will be able to tell the committee what the problems are (if there are any), as soon as the mimeographed question sheets are answered by the High School student body.

SCHOOL SUPT.'S LETTER TO REP. WILKINSON CONCERNING STATE AID

December 18, 1956

Dear Rep. Wilkinson:

Since Budget time is closely followed by the convening of the Legislature, the Wilmington School Committee would like to express some views on State Aid to Education. The members feel that the utmost effort should be expended at the local level, and when the limit has been reached, further assistance should come at the State level. The President of the United States has expressed similar views when discussing Federal Aid to Education.

1. It is the calculated opinion of the School Committee that the real estate tax has reached the point of great burden. The State must take definite action to further assist the individual communities in their desire to provide adequate educational opportunities for all children. It would be wise legislation in the year 1957 if steps were taken to avoid any emergency appropriations which will definitely follow the next year or two, when we shall be confronted with a half-trained generation of future citizens. There is no other result forthcoming unless immediate action is taken in this crisis, which ranks second only to a war appropriation.

2. In your consideration of the present State Aid formula, your attention is called to

the fact that reimbursements are computed on the number of children ages 7-15 inclusive.

It is recommended that the children of all ages attending grades 1 - 12 be included since six-year olds are admitted to grade one, and very, few complete high school under 17 years of age. The formula should be based on 'normal' school ages rather than 'compulsory' school ages.

3. It is also recommended that a meeting of all the School Committees and Finance Committees in your district would present an accurate picture of their financial structure. This group could project valuable recommendations for the Legislative Committees on Education and Finance.

Your very thorough study and consideration of the foregoing is urgently requested.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Collins
Superintendent of Schools

SKIING CLUB ORGANIZED

A group calling themselves the Wilmington High Skiing Club has been organized by Leonard Scott, new teacher at the high school this year. Thirty-five students have already joined the group.

If the ample amount of snow that has fallen in the past few days is still around this Saturday, the club will make good use of it. They are planning a trip to Laconia, New Hampshire on this day.

'CURES THAT NEVER CURE' SERMON THEME AT WILMINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev Richard E Harding will continue his series of sermons based on the ten commandments on Sunday, Jan 13 at both the 9:15 and 11 am worship services. His message will be based upon the second commandment: 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.' The topic, 'Cures That Never Cure' comes from 'Sleep

of Prisoners' by Christopher Fry. His characters are the victims, prisoners of war. These men have seen technology unleashed, uncontrolled. Faced with the ruthlessness and deception one of Fry's characters has this to say: 'Behind us lie the thousand and the thousand years. Vexed and terrible. And still we use the cures that never cure.'

Families are invited to maintain the wonderful response to worship which began the new year. With the exception of Easter and Christmas Sunday, one of the largest congregations began the new year at worship last Sunday. It is understood that this same response has taken places in churches all over our beloved land. Mr Harding has said: 'Could it be that we are now taking seriously the first commandment: 'Thou shalt have no other Gods before me'?

WAKEFIELD EVENING SCHOOL OPENS

The Winter Session opening of the Learning for Leisure Living Series, sponsored by the Wakefield YMCA, offers a number of new courses for adults in a variety of fields. These courses are being offered in the interest of those who wish topflight instruction on topics of universal interest with sufficient individual attention to make them meaningful to those who participate. Adults from other communities, including Wilmington, may register for any of the courses. Brochures are ready for distribution and may be had by calling the Wakefield YMCA anytime, Monday through Saturday at CRystal 9-4660.

Charges to cover the actual costs of the courses are payable at the time of registration.

The following courses will be given starting the week of January 14th 1957. Auto Driving - Michael Graham of the National Auto School. Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Classroom plus actual on-the-road driving.

Contract Bridge - Mrs Henry D Souvaine, Bridge Teacher, Wed 7--8:30 pm.

Contract Bridge Intermediate Wednesday 8:30 - 10:00 - Mrs Souvaine.

Morning Bridge for Women--Mrs Souvaine, Tuesday 9:45-11:15am

Golf Lessons - Bill Barclay, Salem Country Club, Jim Gaffney, Commonwealth Country Club Golf Beginners - Fridays, 7:48 pm also 9:10--10:00 pm.

Golf Advanced - Fridays, 8:05 to 9:05 pm.

Morning Golf for Women, Wed. 10:30 - 11:30 am.

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ST DOROTHY NEWS

Mrs. Walter Coyne and her committee will conduct a Whist party on Friday night, Jan. 11, at St. Dorothy's Hall.

There is room for more people in the cast of the St. Dorothy's Minstrel Show. You are most welcome.

Subscriptions for the PILOT for 1957 must be paid this month.

BANNS: I - Edward Hill and Patricia Rooney.

CAFETERIA MENU

WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 1957

MONDAY: Grilled Pepper Steak on Buttered Roll, Potato Chips Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit and Milk.

TUESDAY: Baked Sausage with Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Bread Pudding, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: American Style Pizza, Buttered Peas, Cole Slaw, Cookies and Milk.

THURSDAY: Home Baked Beans, Grilled Frankfurters, Tomato Wedges, Dark Bread and Butter, Jello and Milk.

FRIDAY: Egg Salad, Potato Salad, Buttered Carrots, Bread and Butter, Midnight Chocolate Cake (Frosted), Milk.

AVCO PRESIDENT TO INSPECT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES

LAWRENCE, Jan. 7 -- Raymond A. Rich, newly elected president of Avco Manufacturing Corporation, will arrive in Boston tomorrow morning to make a day-long inspection tour of the corporation's major research and development facilities.

In the company of Dr. Lloyd P. Smith, president of the Research and Advanced Development Division, he will visit Avco's electronics laboratory at 750 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, and the research laboratory in Everett.

Following luncheon, an inspection tour of the 100-acre site in Wilmington -- where construction of a \$15,000,000 plant for all Avco research and development activities is scheduled to begin shortly -- and the present division headquarters in Lawrence is planned.

The 42-year-old industrial executive was elected president, director and member of the executive committee of Avco, one of the nation's 100 largest corporations, on Dec. 14, 1956. Mr. Rich formerly served with Philco Corporation as director, vice-president and general manager of the appliance division.

OFFICIAL BOARD TO ACT UPON 1957 BUDGET

The Official Board of the Wilmington Methodist Church will hear the recommendation of the Church's Commission on Finance for the 1957 budget on Monday evening, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Based on the pledges of the members and friends of the

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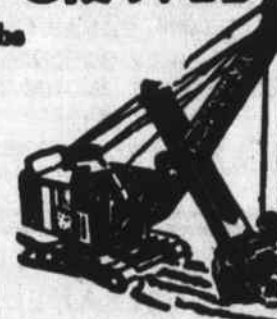
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missioners decreed that the street should be made 40 feet wide, which meant that many trees had to be cut down, stonewalls moved, etc. etc. Two big elm trees on the Hoyt place had to be moved back ten feet because the owner refused to allow them to be cut. Up on the Eames Farm, now the property of Mrs Fay there was an apple tree which the owner wanted to keep, so the stone wall was built around the tree - it can so be seen today. Down near the railroad, where the road cut through a hillock, a massive stone wall was built - all part of Bill Hen's work.

The thing for which his descendants remember Bill Hen is the story of the Hat upon the Coffin.

Mrs. Doctor Henry Hiller, of whom we have spoken on occasion was the possessor of the coffin, and it was on the occasion when she was using it for the last time - her funeral.

The coffin was a tremendous thing, very heavy

and very expensive. It was known all over the Commonwealth, and her funeral was to all effect a Holiday for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Special police had to be brought up from Woburn to handle the heavy crowds, and a number of husky men were recruited to be pall bearers. Bill Hen tall and lank, was one of them.

The only surviving pall bearer today is Herb Barrows, and he doesn't remember Bill Hen or the Hat on the Coffin story (although he confirms its happening), but rather for pebbles in the road.

Ed Nichols was in charge of the funeral. As the hearse, drawn by four horses made its way down Church Street it was escorted by the huge number of pall bearers, each straight and erect and marching in file beside the coffin. Bill Hen, however, couldn't forget that he was Road Surveyor, and every time he saw a pebble in the road he would deviate from his line of march long enough to kick the pebble aside.

But to get back to the Hat on the Coffin, Bill Hen never forgot, and related many times to his children.

The front windows of the Hiller House had to be taken out, in order to get the coffin out of the building. Some of the pall bearers were inside, passing out the coffin, and others were outside, receiving it.

Suddenly Bill Hen, always a gentleman, remembered that a man never wears his hat in the presence of a lady, even if that lady is deceased. He said "Take off your Hats!"

Everyone complied. But, passing out a coffin while holding a hat in one hand was a very difficult thing to do, so all the pall-bearers without further ado put their hats on the coffin, Bill Hen included.

To the rest of the pall-bearers it was a passing incident, but not to William Henry Carter Two. To the end of his life he never could forget that when the casket of Mrs. Doctor Henry Hiller left her home for its last resting place there was, on top of it, a tall silk hat, belonging to him.

And he never could figure out whether or not that was a sacriligious act.

SKATING

(from Front Page)

St took two thirds in the Mid-get Boys Class.

Clyde McKaba of Woburn St came in third in three races for the Junior Boys, the 220 yard, the 440 yard and the 880 yard events.

Miss Nancy Weinberg of Salem St lost the New York State Championship by a hair to her old (?) rival, in the Pee Wee Girls event. Nancy, who is North American Outdoor Champion lost to Miss Irene Foster of Saranac Lake, New York. Nancy and Irene have been close competitors for the past two years, Nancy beating Irene for the Outdoor Championship, and Irene beating Nancy for the National Indoor Championship. The race between the two girls was the most spectacular event of the two day meet at Glensfalls, a neck and neck race all the way.

Mike Weinberg, big brother to Nancy made all the finals in the Juvenile Boys Class, but failed to win any trophies. The Juvenile Class is a new one for Mike, and this was his first try in that class.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(from Front Page)

order; Joe Di Dora, Inside Guard; James Cain, Outside Guard; Walter Boland, Advocate and Trustees Joe Cabin, Al O'Conner and Joe Beaton.

ELECTRIC LIGHT

(from Front Page)

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CONFERENTIAL NEWS

The North Branch will meet in the parish house on Thursday at 12 noon.

The Men's Club will meet in the parish house Thursday at 8 pm. Donald Tibbetts will speak on the topic, 'The Home, the Church, and Juvenile Delinquency'.

The Boy Scouts meet each Friday at 7 pm and the Girl Scouts Tuesday at 3 pm.

The Wilmington Church Council will meet on Friday at 8 pm, at the home of Mr and Mrs W G Mann on Roosevelt Rd.

The Sunday services will be as usual.

The East Branch will meet in the parish house on Monday at 8 pm. Hostess, Mrs Eleanor Smith.

Basketball Tuesday at 7 pm.

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REPR. FRANK TANNER OPPOSES RAILROAD RATES

On December 14, 1956 the hearing on the application of the Boston & Maine Railroad for an increase in passenger fares was opened at the State House, Boston. The railroad's application calls for a sizeable boost of 20¢ on each ride.

Representative Tanner was one of the many legislators present at the hearing, opposing the increase. To oppose any public utility on a matter of this kind is a difficult task. Utilities are represented at a hearing of this nature by a battery of experts - lawyers, accountants, analysts of all kinds; the heaping of abuse on the utilities or on the members of the Department of Public Utilities does not get one anywhere. One member of the Legislature was ejected from the room for this sort of thing.

Rep. Tanner, speaking in opposition to the proposal, stated that he had been a daily commuter on the Boston & Maine Railroad for close to forty years and during that long time he had made some observations. Rep. Tanner further stated that he could not understand the railroad's curtailment of commuter service in growing communities. It is understandable in places where people have moved away, but folks are not moving away from Reading, North Reading and Wilmington.

There has been a tremendous growth of population in all three of these towns. Rep.

Tanner called the attention of the Commission to the fact that the Boston & Maine Railroad had recognized the need of increased parking facilities adjacent to the Reading railroad station by making larger parking space available to the commuters on the railroad's own property. These additional parking areas are inadequate to accommodate the number of commuters.

To support this statement Rep. Tanner called attention to the large number of cars parked on both sides of Prescott Street extending beyond Washington Street; both sides of Lincoln Street from Washington Street to Woburn Street; and the lower half of High Street.

Many commuters from North Reading and Wilmington drive their cars from their home towns to a place as close as they can get to the Reading railroad station and take the train from Reading to Boston.

During rush hours the Town of Reading finds it necessary to assign two police officers five days a week to handle commuter traffic close to the Reading railroad station. The reaction of the Boston & Maine Railroad to all this increased commuter business in Reading, which is brought about by the number of riders from Reading, North Reading and Wilmington seems to be a curtailment of service and a demand for an increase in passenger fares which is all out of proportion to the service the railroad renders.

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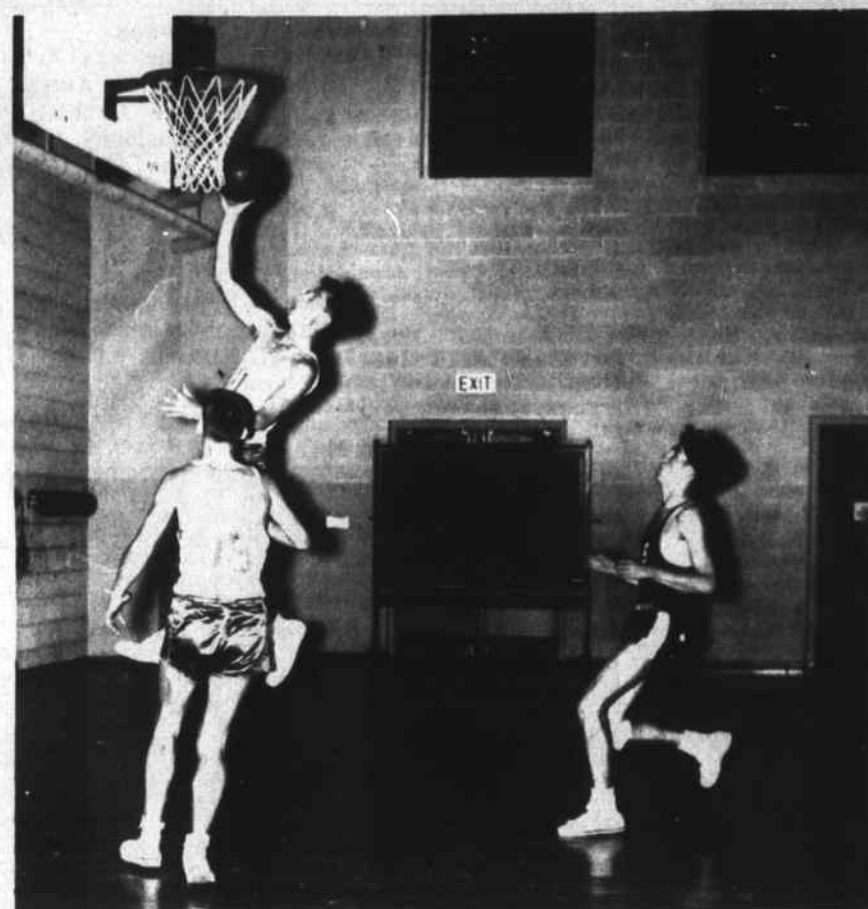
The DAV will have their regular meeting Wednesday, Jan 16 at the DAV headquarters on Grove Ave, and the DAV Civil Defense Fire Auxiliary will also meet there the same night. The Chief of the Fire Department will be there, and it is important for all members of the Fire Auxiliary to be present. Also any DAV member who wishes to join the Civil Defense Fire Auxiliary is invited to attend.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the DAV will have a whist party Jan 26, 8 pm, at DAV Hdq, followed by penny sale and refreshments.

Last Sunday, Jan 6, the delegates attended the 4th District meeting in Peabody. District and local Commander James Shine, district and local adjutant John Davis, and local Sr Vice Commander James Simpson were all present for the regular meeting. The first Sunday of February the delegates will go to Tewksbury for the meeting.

WEST-LOWELL ST ACCIDENT

A car driven west on Lowell St. by Sarah E Bacon of Tewksbury was struck by a vehicle operated by Lorraine Knopf of Tewksbury on West St. last Thursday, Jan 3, at the Lowell West St. intersection. Although no one was injured, considerable damage was done to the right side of the struck vehicle, and the front end of the oncoming car.



BUTT SCORES

PAUL BUTT REACHES HIGH TO SCORE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF THE BURLINGTON GAME LAST FRIDAY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, WHILE BOB CORNISH (15) WAITS FOR A REBOUND THAT NEVER CAME. BURLINGTON WON, 59-50, AFTER OVERTAKING WILMINGTON AT THE VERY END OF THE 1ST QUARTER. THE GAME WAS CLOSE, EXCITING, AND WELL FOUGHT.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 13, 10 am - Church school for all ages. 11:10 am - Morning worship - Message, 'The Lamb and the Son'. 6:15 pm - Guest speaker, Mr. Bob Winchell. 7:30 pm - Evangelistic service - Message, 'Chlorinated Christians.'

Tues. Jan 15, 7:30 pm - 'Hour of Power'. Bible Study, Sing-spiration, Testimonies, Prayer. Wed. Jan 16, 7:30 pm - Choir rehearsal at the home of Roger Nichols, 98 Church Street.

'The Lamb and the Son' is another message in the pastor's exposition of the Gospel of Luke, dealing with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The Pastor's evening message is entitled 'Chlorinated Christians'. Anyone curious about this message ahead of time can look up Proverbs 4:23. Mr. Bob Winchell of Lawrence Ct. will be the guest speaker at the 6:15 BYF meeting. High schoolers can look forward to a challenging message from Bob who knows the difference between 'professing Christ' and 'possessing Christ'.

WHITEFIELD CLUE

The Whitefield Mothers' Club will meet Wednesday evening, Jan 16, at 8 pm at the home of Mrs. Carl Damelio, Birchwood Rd, off Shady Lane Drive, in North Wilmington.

In spite of a snowstorm and a plague of mumps which kept many mothers at home, over thirty persons attended the Christmas party which was held at the home of the president, Mrs. John DeCosta, on Ballardvale St, last month.

WOMEN'S CLUB, HOUSE

PLANTS AND SPRING GARDENS. A pleasant note to think about in this snowy month is the program topic for the next meeting of the Women's Club, Thursday, Jan. 17, 'House Plants and Spring Gardens'. Mrs. Earle S. Hamilton is Chairman of Hostesses.

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MORIARTY-HOVEY

Miss Mary Ann Moriarty, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry G Moriarty of 10 Lee St was married in a double-ring ceremony to Geo R Hovey, son of the to Gene R Hovey, son of the late Mr William Hovey and Mrs Dorris Hovey of 271 Glen Rd, in a ten o'clock nuptial Mass in the St Thomas Church on Saturday, Dec 29th.

The Reverend Father John Regan performed the marriage before an altar decorated with

covered with white roses.

Mr Hovey's best man was Mr Gerald Rooney, of Jones Ave. The ushers were Mr Arthur Lynch of Grove Ave and Mr George Hunter of Brookline.

The reception was held at the Hill Crest Country Club in North Reading. A catered chicken dinner was served, and musical entertainment was provided by Charlie Knute and his orchestra. In charge of the guest book was Miss Pauline Moriarty, sister of the bride.



small white chrysanthemums, and poinsettias.

The soloist was Mrs Grace Burke, who joined the organist Mrs Estelle Shelley, in performing traditional music for the marriage.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Miss Louise Moriarty, the maid of honor. She wore a light blue, street-length dress of satin brocade, with white accessories, and carried a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a princess style, floor length of satin brocade. A pearl and sequin crown held her elbow-veil, and her prayer book was

The bride is a graduate of Wilmington High School. She worked for three years for J W Greer Co as a switchboard receptionist, and also belonged to the St Thomas of Villanova choir.

Mr Hovey attended Wilmington schools, and after graduating from high school, spent three years in the Marines. Last fall he enrolled at Babson Institute in Wellesley.

After the reception the couple left immediately for Eureka, Kansas, where Mr Hovey will attend Midwest Institute as part of his training at Babson. They intend to return to Wellesley in June.

BIRTHS**BIRTH**

LYNCH, Paul Francis, third boy fifth child, born January 5 at Melrose Hospital, to Mr and Mrs Philip Lynch of Hathaway Rd. Grandparents are Mr Joseph Tierney of Arlington, and Mr and Mr and Mrs Maurice Lynch of Melrose.

PTA MEETING TO FEATURE 'ACCENT ON YOUTH'

The Parent Teachers Association meeting will have as its main feature a program 'Accent on Youth' presented by the Youth Commission. The meeting will be held in the High School Cafeteria on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 8 pm. Refreshments will be served.

CLOSING DATE FOR WARRANT ARTICLES UNDECIDED

The Board of Selectmen has not yet set the date by which articles must be submitted if they are to be in the warrant for the annual town meeting. Wakefield's closing date was January 8, according to one report.

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ADULT FELLOWSHIP GUEST OF THE EACHMANS AT THE SKATING CLUB

The Adult Fellowship of all adults and couples of the Wilmington Methodist Church will be the guest of Mr and Mrs Carl Backman at the Wilmington Skating Club on Saturday evening, Jan 12. The group will assemble at the skating rink by 8 pm. Those who do not know where it is located on Chestnut St will be at the church by 7:45 pm.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BLITZ

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a blitz party for the benefit of the hospital fund on Jan 14, at 8 pm, at the Legion Hall on Middlesex Ave. Refreshments will be served. Anyone wishing to donate prizes may call the chairman, Mrs Rose Zwicker, at OL 8-3604.

MILDRED ROGERS MOTHERS' CLUB

A monthly meeting of the Mildred Rogers Mothers' Club will be held at the SLBA Hall on Monday evening, Jan 14th, at 8 pm. Plans for the annual Blitz party will be made at this meeting. All regular members are asked to attend, and new mothers will be welcome.

WHCC RUMMAGE SALE

The rummage sale now going on at the site of George's former restaurant is being held by the sisterhood of the Wilmington-Tewksbury Hebrew Community Center. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the store will be open from 10 am to 9 pm. Anyone wishing to donate to this annual rummage sale may call Frances Razin at OL 8-2879, Ida Ford at OL 8-2650, or Ruth Wood at UL 1-2931.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Three young men who entered the army on Dec 11 were pleasantly surprised to have 14 day Christmas furloughs at home. Pvts Albert Ethier, Charles Williams, and Joseph Colarassi returned to Ft Dix Jan 5 for their eight weeks of basic training.

Buzzy Busneau was home from Va, Duncan MacLeod from Ga.

MARCH OF DIMES COFFEE PARTIES

Mrs Meyer Weinberg is to be Coffee Chairman for the March of Dimes. Anyone interested in being a hostess for a coffee party for the benefit of the March of Dimes may call Mrs Weinberg, 52 Salem St., at OL 8-4691.

MOVES TO NEW YORK

Mr and Mrs Gerald O'Keefe moved to New York last Sunday, Jan 6th. Mrs O'Keefe is the former Miss Mildred Flynn of Federal St.

NORTON BOY RECOVERING FROM COASTING ACCIDENT

Richard Norton, 7 year old son of Mr and Mrs Melvin Norton of Fairmeadow Rd, received a fracture of the right hip when he fell off his toboggan at the Town park and was hit by an oncoming sled, last Sunday, Jan. 6.

The boy was lifted into the ambulance on his toboggan, taken to the Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn, and was not taken off the toboggan until after being x-rayed. His leg is now in traction, but he is recovering rapidly.

MILDRED CUTTER DARLING

Funeral services were conducted January 3 at the Emmons Funeral Home in Bristol, New Hampshire, for Mildred Alice (Cutter) Darling, who died in Bristol on December 31 after a long illness. Mrs Darling was born in Ballardvale in 1911, came to Wilmington at an early age and was a resident here until her marriage. For the last ten years she and her husband lived at 'Nestlewood' on Newfound Lake, in Bristol, N. H. She was a member of the Eastern Star, active in Grange Affairs, and a Noble Grand of the Rebekahs.

Mrs Darling leaves her mother and father, Mr and Mrs Harry Cutter, of Bridgewater, New Hampshire, and eight brothers and sisters, Mrs Dorothy Gilliespie of Fresno, California, Arthur of West Chelmsford, Henry, Herbert, and Harry, all of Wilmington, Mrs Edith Scott of Tewksbury, Mrs Charlotte Gilchrist of North Reading, and Mrs Helen Dacey of Wilmington.

Burial is to be in Bristol, New Hampshire.

7 SCOUTS OF TROOP 58 WILL RECEIVE 'ALTARE DEI' MEDAL

Seven scouts from Troop 58 will travel to Boston on Feb. 10th, to receive from His Excellency Archbishop Richard J Cushing the coveted 'Altare Dei' medal, awarded to scouts who have acquired an extensive knowledge of Catholicism. The boys are Thomas McAndrew, Thomas McKay, Paul and Jon Meads, Robert Lee, Guy Micalizzi and Theodore Chericos.

The last scout to gain this award in Wilmington was Andy Pupa, who received it in 1953.

4-H PROJECTS

William 'Agreeable' Smith of West Street has announced the formation of two new 4-H club projects.

The two new projects are a livestock project and a field crop project. All interested young people may obtain further information by calling Mr Smith at OL 8-2314.

CAMP PROMOTION DINNER JAN 15TH

A roast beef dinner, free to every Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairman, to every Post Advisor and Post Committee Chairman, is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan 15th, at 7 pm in the Town Hall in Dunstable. Any man may attend at the actual cost of the meal.

WOBURN COURT

Paul E Scanlon of Stoneham pleaded and was found guilty of falsifying his age so as to buy liquor, on Jan. 4, in Woburn Court, and was fined \$10. A complaint of Scanlon's act was originally made by Harold Foley of the Shamrock Drive-In.

ELIA'S COUNTRY STORE BURGLARIZED

Thieves broke the lock to John Elia's Country Store last Saturday night, and having done so, stole what owner John Elia termed 'a small amount' of merchandise. The break occurred between 10 and 11 pm, and was discovered by police officers Markey and Dolan, while making the rounds.

RAINBOW MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING

A meeting of the Rainbow Mothers' Club will be held at the home of Mrs James Scott, Shawheen Ave, on Monday, Jan 14, at 8 pm.

WALKER SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB NOT MEETING

The January meeting of the Walker School Mothers' Club will not be held, due to inclement weather.

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION BULLETINS

Saturday, March 2, is the day for electing town officers. Registration of voters closes 20 days before that, or February 9. (Feb. 10 is Sunday) The Board of Registrars will be in session next Monday evening, January 14 from 7:30 - 9:00 to register new voters.

Persons who have moved here from out of state must have been Massachusetts residents for at least a year in order to be eligible for registration. Massachusetts residents who have moved to Wilmington must have been residents in town here for at least six months.

So far, only one set of nomination papers has been taken out. The final date for submitting the papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures is 35 days before March 2, or January 25 at the Town Hall. The final date for formal filing of the papers with the Town Clerk is one week later, or February 1, at the Town Hall. During that week any candidate who changes his mind and decides not to run may withdraw his papers. Failure to have papers filed with the Town Clerk, after certification of signatures, would be considered of non-intention to run.

ST THOMAS NEWS

Next Sunday is Holy Family Sunday, and the Holy Name men of the parish should try to make the 8 o'clock Mass a Family Communion Observance.

MASSSES: Sunday - 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 o'clock. Weekday - 7, 7:30 am (no 7 o'clock Mass on Saturday)

CONVERT CLASSES: The Paulist Fathers will start their winter classes on January 8th. For information call Lafayette 3-5520.

BANNS: 11 - Rocco DePasqualo-Rita Lydon.

SNOW PLOWING

PARKING LOTS, STORE FRONTS
AND DRIVEWAYS

WILLIAM AGREEABLE SMITH

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